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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

December 1, 2006
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 300A, 3rd Floor Conference Room
Sacramento, CA 95833

1. Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Mr. Joe Mello, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Cecilia Yu, Board member Representative, Joe Mello, Chair, David Bloom, Thomas Sheahan, Charles Nestle, Tom Crosby

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of minutes from July 28, 2006 TAC meeting

The TAC reviewed copies of the draft minutes; the minutes were deferred to a later TAC meeting.

4. Report on Board Meeting of October 27, 2006

The Board staff reported that former Executive Officer Sweeney was terminated effective immediately at the October 27, 2007 Board meeting. Staff also reported that the Board will likely have new objectives and tasks identified for the TAC in upcoming months.

5. Discussion of Geomorphology Fact Sheet

The TAC discussed the proposed Geomorphology fact sheet and differed final approval and recommendation to the Board of the fact sheets until after the next TAC meeting.

6. Discussion of Continuing Education requirements for Professional Geologists

Joe Mello advised the new TAC members that, at the last Board meeting, the TAC Chair presented the findings that the TAC felt that Continuing Education (CE) should become a requirement for continued licensure as a Professional Geologist.

Protection of the public shall be the highest priority of the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount. (Business and Professions Code §7810.1)

The concept of CE was discussed with several key points being highlighted:

- The requirements of what is an acceptable form of CE need to be well-defined,
- Other states' CE requirements should be strongly considered as models,
- Professional society/membership/licensee support for CE is very important,
- The benefits of CE to the profession, the public, the Administration and the Legislature needs to be explained to all appropriate stakeholders,
- TAC needs to be aware of time and money constraints on the licensees and the Board.

8. Technical Advisory Committee Chair's report

After some discussion about changing the date of the next TAC meeting, Chair Joe Mello announced that the next TAC meeting would be on Friday, January 26, 2007.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Joe Mello, Committee Chair

Date Approved: July 13, 2007